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SUBJECT: **PROPOSITION A CONTRACT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME APPEALS (Board  
Agenda May 6, 2008 Item 36)**

Item 36 on your Board's Agenda for May 6, 2008 is a request from the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to approve a Proposition A contract with Health Advocates, LLC, to provide Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Appeals Representation Services for General Relief, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants and CalWORKs participants.

We have reviewed and approved the Proposition A cost analysis prepared by DPSS indicating that the contract is cost effective. However, it should be noted that the estimated savings are less than 5% of the County's estimated avoidable costs. In addition, the estimated savings are based on DPSS' projected SSI appeal workload. If the actual workload is significantly higher or lower than projected, the actual contract savings may be higher or lower than DPSS' estimate.

The contract does not include Cost of Living Adjustments.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Jim Schneiderman at (626) 293-1101.

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